



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 2.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 30, 2018**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 5 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 34 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 14 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 63.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 75.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Morgan City. Highs ranged from 76.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 89.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Tallulah. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the State, with the highest concentration in the northeast part of the State with an average of 3.76 inches.

Crop progress for week ending September 30, 2018

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton, open bolls	99	98	99	97
Cotton, harvested	38	36	41	38
Rice, harvested	97	96	99	98
Soybeans, turning color	98	97	100	98
Soybeans, dropping leaves	93	91	95	91
Soybeans, mature	90	86	90	(NA)
Soybeans, harvested	69	66	84	75
Sugarcane, planted	85	80	98	94
Sugarcane, harvested	2	0	5	2
Sweet potatoes, harvested	35	30	58	45

(NA) Not available.

Crop condition for week ending September 30, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton	0	3	26	64	7
Livestock	1	8	38	48	5
Pasture	4	16	38	38	4
Sugarcane	0	7	35	44	14
Sweet potatoes	0	7	36	57	0
Vegetables	3	15	43	38	1

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Too Much Rain!! What is left of the soybean crop is going to be poor with too many days of rain and no sun. Quality grades are poor where many producers are being turned away at the elevators. Hay fields finally grew like producers needed them to all summer now the ground is saturated and hay cannot be cut until drier weather moves in. Crawfish ponds continue going to flood.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Continued rains halted harvest of soybeans and cotton across the parish. We need rains to stop so producers can get their crops out of the fields with as little quality damage as possible. Sugarcane producers have the majority of the crop planted, and harvest has begun this past week.”

– Mark Carriere, Pointe Coupee Parish

“After another week of rain almost every day, soils are saturated. There has been little sun in almost a week. Soybeans still in field may not be harvested at this point.”

– Jimmy Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“A wet start to the sugarcane grinding season dampened farmer's efforts. Mature soybeans need drying conditions to facilitate harvest and to halt damage development. Some soybean growers are having issues with high soybean damage levels interfering with delivery. Hay quality and tonnage may be short for some producers as continued wet conditions prevents baling. Pecan harvest began with quality concerns from scab and stinkbugs causing issues. As soon as dryer conditions return, cool season pasture planting will start. Citrus are coloring with some fruit splitting and damaged fruit ripening first. Fall garden planting is underway.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Daily rains continued to hamper fieldwork. Sugarcane harvest began with muddy field conditions. Sugarcane farmers have approximately 20% left to plant. Pastures are overgrown and need to be baled so that rye grass can be planted. Drier and cooler conditions would be a welcome for all area agriculture.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending September 30, 2018

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	81.9	67.1	74.5	71.2	3.3	2.90	2	1.99	6.32	3.08
Mooringsport	79.3	65.7	72.5	71.6	0.9	2.12	3	1.11	7.36	3.88
Red River	82.4	68.8	75.6	72.3	2.9	0.66	3	0.04	4.77	1.98
Shreveport	79.9	66.6	73.2	71.9	1.3	2.92	3	1.86	8.83	5.46
Extreme/Average	80.9	67.0	74.0	71.8	2.1	2.15	3	1.25	6.82	3.60
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	70.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	71.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	76.8	63.3	70.1	69.8	0.5	1.23	2	0.48	6.28	3.01
Extreme/Average	76.8	63.3	70.1	70.6	0.5	1.23	2	0.48	6.28	3.01
Northeast										
Lake Providence	80.1	68.0	74.1	72.2	1.8	2.51	4	1.59	4.43	1.24
St Joseph	85.0	68.4	76.7	73.2	3.2	5.01	4	4.44	6.92	3.92
Tallulah	89.0	71.0	80.0	72.3	6.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	-0.13
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	72.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Extreme/Average	84.7	69.1	76.9	72.6	3.9	3.76	4	3.02	3.78	1.68
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	71.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	73.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	81.7	68.9	75.3	72.2	3.1	1.67	5	0.67	4.70	0.61
Natchitoches	82.3	69.7	76.0	73.0	3.0	2.55	4	1.81	5.95	1.84
Extreme/Average	82.0	69.3	75.7	72.5	3.1	2.11	5	1.24	5.33	1.23
Central										
Alexandria	85.0	69.6	77.3	74.4	2.9	0.57	2	-0.33	4.33	0.66
Bunkie	84.0	70.7	77.4	73.3	4.0	1.48	3	0.45	4.42	0.18
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	75.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	82.9	69.0	75.9	73.8	2.2	1.16	3	0.34	4.76	1.28
New Roads	83.0	73.5	78.3	75.2	2.5	3.23	3	2.71	4.50	0.94
Extreme/Average	83.7	70.7	77.2	74.5	2.9	1.61	3	0.79	4.50	0.77
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.53	6	0.69	4.41	0.35
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	73.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.99	2	(NA)	4.10	(NA)
Slidell	85.9	72.9	79.4	75.0	4.4	1.54	7	0.62	5.52	0.93
Extreme/Average	85.9	72.9	79.4	74.5	4.4	1.35	7	0.66	4.68	0.64
Southwest										
Crowley	84.8	73.5	79.1	75.2	3.5	1.21	3	0.65	7.27	3.18
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	73.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	82.3	71.9	77.1	75.1	1.9	3.56	7	2.43	10.45	5.41
Oberlin Fire	82.7	71.4	77.1	74.0	3.1	1.02	3	-0.13	8.05	3.03
Extreme/Average	83.3	72.3	77.8	74.5	2.8	1.93	7	0.98	8.59	3.87
South central										
Donaldsonville	86.3	72.4	79.4	74.7	4.7	0.40	6	-0.70	5.84	1.04
Jeanerette	85.4	73.8	79.6	75.1	4.2	4.41	5	3.49	9.61	3.95
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	74.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	86.2	75.5	80.9	76.5	4.0	0.42	3	-0.23	4.69	-0.16
Extreme/Average	86.0	73.9	80.0	75.2	4.3	1.74	6	0.85	6.71	1.61
Southeast										
Galliano	85.5	75.3	80.4	76.2	4.1	3.58	5	2.52	11.84	6.29
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.84	3	0.99	6.99	2.96
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	86.1	75.4	80.8	77.5	3.3	2.63	6	1.49	8.39	3.01
Extreme/Average	85.8	75.3	80.6	76.8	3.7	2.68	6	1.67	9.07	4.09
State	83.1	70.5	76.8	73.8	3.0	2.01	5	1.16	6.31	2.35

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.